

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Patent Application No. 10/555,729

Confirmation No. 2003

Applicant: Nie et al.

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Examiner: Leon Yun Bon Lum

Docket No.: 239659 (Client Reference No. 0215-US)

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed May 7, 2010, rejecting the following claims: 198, 199, 203-207, 210-215, and 218-224.

**1. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review**

A "Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review"

☐ is filed concurrently herewith or ☒ is not being filed.

**2. Status of Applicants**

This application is on behalf of ☐ other than a small entity or ☒ a small entity.

**3. Fee for Filing Notice of Appeal**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.20(b), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is for:

☐ other than a small entity or ☒ a small entity.

**Notice of Appeal Fee due \$270.00**

- ☐ A Notice of Appeal Fee was previously paid with respect to an earlier Appeal, on which no final Board decision was rendered, and the amount previously paid is hereby deducted from the Notice of Appeal Fee submitted herewith.

**Amount of Previously Paid Notice of Appeal Fee (\$0.00)**

**Total Amount of Notice of Appeal Fee Submitted Herewith \$270.00**

**4. Fee for Requesting Oral Hearing**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.20(b), the fee for filing the Request for Oral Hearing is for:

- ☐ other than a small entity or ☐ a small entity.

**Fee for Requesting Oral Hearing due \$ 0.00**

- ☐ A fee for requesting an Oral Hearing was previously paid with respect to an earlier Appeal, on which no final Board decision was rendered, and the amount previously paid is hereby deducted from the Fee for Requesting Oral Hearing submitted herewith.

**Amount of Previously Paid Fee for Requesting Oral Hearing (\$0.00)**

**Total Amount of Fee for Requesting Oral Hearing Submitted Herewith \$0.00**

**5. Extension of Time**

- ☒ Appellants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$65.00.

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ 0.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total amount of extension now requested.

- ☐ Appellants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that appellants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**Extension fee due with this request: \$65.00**

**6. Total Fee Due**

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal Fee	\$270.00
Request for Oral Hearing	\$0.00
Extension Fee (if any)	\$65.00

**Total Fee Due: \$335.00**

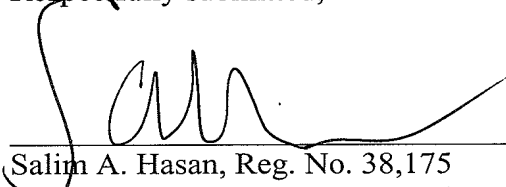
**7. Fee Payment**

- ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ .  
☒ Charge Account No. 12-1216 the sum of \$335.00.

**8. Fee Deficiency**

- ☒ If any additional fee is required in connection with this communication, charge Account No. 12-1216.

Respectfully submitted,



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